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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (New): A method for treating, controlling, preventing or protecting animals against infestation or infection by parasites comprising orally, topically or parenterally administering or applying to the animals a parasiticidally effective amount of a compound of formula I

$$\bigvee_{B=A}^{n} \bigvee_{N-Q}^{R} \qquad (I)$$

wherein

Q is 
$$N = \begin{pmatrix} NR^1R^2 \\ R^3 \end{pmatrix}$$
,  $N = \begin{pmatrix} X^1 \\ R^3 \end{pmatrix}$ , or  $N = \begin{pmatrix} R^4 \\ N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ R^3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

X<sup>1</sup> is chlorine, bromine, or fluorine;

alkynyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with

1 to 3 halogen, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, amino, mercapto, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-

R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup> are each independently hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-

to 3 R<sup>#</sup> groups, or

 $R^{\#}$  is halogen, cyano, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyloxy,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyloxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylthio, or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -haloalkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulfinyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ alkyl)-amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylcarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl, or di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ )-alkylaminocarbonyl;

haloalkylsulfinyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl which may be substituted with 1

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formyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylcarbonyl, C(=O)NR<sup>a</sup>R<sup>b</sup>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>c</sup>, R<sup>d</sup>, R<sup>e</sup>, phenyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 R<sup>#</sup> groups, or pyridyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 R<sup>#</sup> groups,

 $R^a$ ,  $R^b$ ,  $R^c$  are each independently hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups  $R^{\#}$ ;

R<sup>d</sup> is NR<sup>i</sup>R<sup>j</sup> or

$$N \stackrel{(CH_2)_p}{\smile} X_r$$
 or  $CH \stackrel{(CH_2)_p}{\smile} X_r$ 

- R<sup>i</sup>, R<sup>j</sup> are each independently hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups R<sup>#</sup>;
- p, m are each independently 0, 1, 2, or 3, with the proviso that p and m are not both 0;
- X is oxygen, sulfur, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, or phenylamino, or, if p is 0 then X can also be phenoxy or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy;
  r is 0 or 1;

R<sup>e</sup> is

 $R^k$ ,  $R^q$  are each independently hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups  $R^\#$ ; or

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> may be taken together to form a ring represented by the structure

p, m are 1, 2 or 3;

- X' is oxygen, sulfur, amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, phenylamino, or methylene;
- Z is  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl or phenyl;

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R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>-cycloalkyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be partially or fully halogenated or substituted with

1 to 3 cyano, nitro, hydroxy, mercapto, amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylamino, di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl)-amino,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylthio,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulfonyl, or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulfinyl groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by

1 to 3 halogen atoms, a 5- to 6-membered aromatic ring system which may contain 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, or cyano groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms, or

phenoxy, which may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 to 3  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulfinyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylsulfinyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxy, nitro, or cyano groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms, or

a 3- to 6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated ring system which contains 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, nitro, or cyano groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms,

a 3- to 6-membered saturated or partially unsaturated ring system which contains 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which is unsubstituted or substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, nitro, or cyano groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms;

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R,  $R^4$  are each independently hydrogen or  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkoxycarbonyl,  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkylaminocarbonyl, or di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl)-aminocarbonyl, wherein the carbon atoms in the these groups may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups  $R^\#$ ;

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A is C-R<sup>5</sup> or N;
B is C-R<sup>6</sup> or N;
W is C-R<sup>7</sup> or N;
with the proviso that one of A, B and W is other than N;
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- R<sup>5</sup>, R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup> are each independently hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano, amino, mercapto, hydroxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups R<sup>#</sup>
  - a 5- to 6-membered aromatic ringsystem which may contain 1 to 4 heteroatoms selected from oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which may be substituted with any combination of 1 to 5 halogen atoms, 1 to 3 C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkylsulfinyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-haloalkoxy, mercapto, hydroxy, amino, nitro, or cyano groups, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups R<sup>#</sup>;
- Y is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, nitro, amino, hydroxy, mercapto, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylamino, di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)-alkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylthio, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkylsulfinyl, wherein the carbon atoms in these groups may be substituted with 1 to 3 groups R<sup>#</sup>;
- n is 0, 1, or 2;

or the enantiomers or diastereomers, veterinarily acceptable salts or esters thereof.

Claim 12 (New): The method according to claim 11 wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-B

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$$R^7$$
 $N-N$ 
 $R^{33}$ 
 $R^{31}$ 
 $R^{31}$ 
 $R^{32}$ 
(I-B)

wherein

R<sup>7</sup> is chlorine or trifluoromethyl;

R<sup>5</sup> and Y are each independently chlorine or bromine;

R<sup>2</sup> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkynyl, or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-cycloalkyl which may be substituted with 1 to 3 halogen atoms, or C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl which is substituted by C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy;

 $R^{31}$  and  $R^{32}$  are  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl or may be taken together to form  $C_3$ - $C_6$ -cycloalkyl which may be unsubstituted or substituted by 1 to 3 halogen atoms;

R<sup>33</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl,

or the enantiomers or veterinarily acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 13 (New): The method according to claim 11 wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-1

Claim 14 (New): The method according to claim 11 wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of formula I-2

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Claim 15 (New): The method according to claim 11 wherein the parasites are selected from the Diptera, Siphonaptera, and Ixodida orders.

Claim 16 (New): The method according to claim 12 wherein the parasites are selected from the Diptera, Siphonaptera, and Ixodida orders.

Claim 17 (New): The method according to claim 13 wherein the parasites are selected from the Diptera, Siphonaptera, and Ixodida orders.

Claim 18 (New): The method according to claim 14 wherein the parasites are selected from the Diptera, Siphonaptera, and Ixodida orders.

Claim 19 (New): The method according to claim 11 wherein the animals are cats or dogs.

Claim 20 (New): The method according to claim 12 wherein the animals are cats or dogs.

Claim 21 (New): The method according to claim 13 wherein the animals are cats or dogs.

Claim 22 (New): The method according to claim 14 wherein the animals are cats or dogs.

Claim 23 (New): The method according to claim 15 wherein the animals are cats or dogs.